



<b>PROJECT:</b>	<b>SAYC</b>		
<b>PURPOSE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>Monthly meeting</b>		
<b>VENUE:</b>	<b>Committee Room 1</b>		
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	<b>1st March 2010</b>		
<b>MEETING TIME:</b>	<b>7 – 9.15pm</b>		
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	<p>Abdullah Tahir, Henna Zia, Nicole Harding, Elise Morgan, Tom Oakley Dan Olive, , Angela Thick, Josh Molloy, Sam Potts, Dominique Smith, James Crossley, Jessica Cunliffe.</p> <p>Alex Ferguson and Robert Brown, Youth Connexions</p> <p><b>Visitors</b>– Hugh Baillie-Lane, Year 12, Verulam. Stephanie Weller, channelmogo and Steve madden, Youth Opportunity Fund</p> <p><b>Apologies</b> –Joe Gess</p> <p><b>Absent</b> - Ben Oppedjik</p>		
<b>AGENDA:</b>	<b>Agenda Led</b>	<b>Action Officer</b>	<b>Dead - line</b>
<p><b>Apologies and introductions</b> Apologies noted</p> <p>Hugh, Stephanie and Steve introduced themselves</p>			
<p><b>Steve Madden</b> – youth opportunity fund assessment panel</p> <p>Steve talked to the group about the YOF of which they were aware through various bids in the past. St Albans District are looking to et up an assessment panel in St Albans looking at bids from other groups of young people and the skills they could acquire through being involved in assessment panels.</p> <p><b>Dan, James, Elise, Jess, Hugh and possibly Henna, Angela and Dom are interested.</b></p>		<p><b>AF to forward contact details to Steve to take forward.</b></p>	

<p><b>Stephanie Weller-</b> channelmogo</p> <p>Steph talked to the group about using channelmogo as the host for their website which the group freely admit they do not regularly update.</p> <p>Forums, blogs, discussion groups (closed and open), events etc can all be set up for the group to have access to.</p> <p>James bought the cost of current site to the group's attention - £200 pa approx.</p> <p>The only downside identified at the time was that the group would need to remember to check the site – they already log on to Facebook, MSN and /or email accounts and would have another to check – an emailing out facility is not available at present.</p> <p>User group to be involved in development of site – <b>Henna and Jess. Nicole</b> to write first blog.</p>	<p><b>AF to check with SADC</b></p> <p><b>Steph – check out availability of emailing out facility</b></p> <p><b>AF to send contacts details to Steph</b></p>	
<p><b>Residential</b></p> <p>Joe had already said he could not attend. Dom, Henna, Abdullah, Josh, Elise and possibly Nicole are no longer able to attend the residential due to work/family commitments and coursework deadlines.</p> <p>With only Angela, Dan, Jess, Sam and James able to attend it was decided to cancel as the focus of the residential was to rewrite the Constitution and with over half the group missing this was not deemed to be viable.</p> <p>If a one day event was to be organised on Sunday 28th, all bar Abdullah, Henna and Dom would be able to attend. Joe – unknown.</p>	<p><b>AF to research</b></p>	
<p><b>Summer Sounds 2010</b></p> <p>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July – World Cup Final day Event will finish by 6.30pm to allow for the football starting at 8pm</p> <p>Meetings planned – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at Harpenden, 7pm Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at SADC, 7pm</p> <p>SS 2010 committee - <b>Dan, James, Abdullah, Henna, Elise, Dom (&amp; possibly Sam)</b></p>	<p><b>AF to organise with SADC for taxi to Harpenden pick up 6.40</b></p>	
<p><b>UKYP</b></p> <p>Group advised that josh was re elected as DMYP along with Chinye and Lizzie, both from Loreto. Both were invited to attend – and this will be extended to future meetings.</p> <p>Of the 12 candidates elected, eleven are from the West area, three of which are from St Albans.</p> <p>West Area includes St Albans, Dacorum, Hertsmere, Three Rivers and Watford.</p>		

## Political Education project.

Following discussion at last month's meeting, it was suggested that the group split in to two to allow them to focus on both the educational side and the campaigning side.

Some felt that this would dilute the impact – sometimes smaller groups doing what they are passionate about can be more productive than a large group doing something that they are not all on board with.

Tom suggested that in order to reach a consensus perhaps looking at a topic rather than an issue would be the way forward.

He suggested '**should we have the vote at 16?**'

This would allow for the education in schools to progress as well as a campaign to raise awareness and obtain feedback from young people re being ready to vote, informed choices, education already rec'd etc

BYC, UKYP and a number of other organisations are all pushing for 16 year olds to have the vote – SAYC are interested to see if this is the case in St Albans. . A report could then be pulled together for other organisations, agencies and elected members, Downing Street?

MiPod process – consultations = evaluation = education = MiPod

**Henna and Tom** to ask of STAGS can be first session – to come back to AF asap.

Education process – sessions in schools around current issues, how they came about, who made the decisions, how elected, etc.

These sessions can be developed in the future following feedback from MiPod sessions.

Schools to be diverse across the District, three or four as pilot exercise; STAGS to be first then look at others – *Francis Bacon has not had any contact from the youth council and AF would like this school to be included as well as others that are unaware of what you do.*

MiPod questions to be the same for each session to ensure qualitative evidence collated.

Answers should therefore be along the same lines which will allow you to collate the evidence with a clear structure therefore enabling a concise report being written at the end. Young people being interviewed will no doubt add to their comments as the interview progresses.

Questions put forward and to added to, clarified and confirmed at the next meeting or via the loop

Do you support the campaign for votes at 16?

If not, why not?

If so, why?

If you can vote now, would you?

Who would you vote for?

Why would you vote for ....?

**MiPod group - Tom, James, Dom, Henna, Josh**

**Education Group – Abdullah, High, Dan, Sam, Elise, Jess, Henna**

Again you can be part of both groups but be aware of time pressures and the fact that a core group in each is necessary

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<p><b>Mela 2009</b></p> <p>Some of the group asked about the Mela; accreditations and v involved hours in particular. AF advised that there was little paperwork supporting the work that they had done in the year leading up to the event as well as on the day.</p> <p>YCH would be unable to accredit their work as evidence needs to go to an external verifier and whilst we may have a good idea of what the processes were, without the evidence, there is little we can do. Without hours logged and signed, V Involved would be unable to recognise hours volunteered.</p> <p>The members were rightly disappointed but will be gathering together whatever evidence they have either individually or as a group to see what they can come up with and forwarding it on to AF to review.</p>		
<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><b>V Involved</b> – Josh did not receive pack sent after last meeting – Alex to contact V Involved.</p> <p><b>Tom Oakley</b> – resigned from the youth council but may now stay on a little to participate in the Pol Ed project which he feels passionate about.</p> <p><b>Mayor’s meeting</b>, 24<sup>th</sup> March; Formal invite not yet rec’d – will forward on once specific details known.</p>		

**Next meeting**

*Provisionally* **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm**  
**St Albans DC**

**To be confirmed**